



The “Bandung 2015” Conference convened in Indonesia to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the historic Conference of Heads of State or Government of Asian and African Countries held in Bandung in 1955. The principles of peaceful and active co-existence, enshrined in the Bandung Conference Declaration, upon which the Non-Aligned Movement was created, are invaluable even today.

The Republic of Serbia cherishes the values defined by the Bandung Conference and attaches great importance to its relations with Asian and African states, to which it has been tied by bonds of decades-long traditional friendship and very good political relations. Presidents Tito and Nehru, together with Egyptian President Nasser and Indonesian President Sukarno – the founding fathers of the Non-Aligned Movement, have left an indelible imprint upon these relations.

Today, 60 years on, we are witness to the growing importance of Asia and Africa on the global scale, as reflected not only in high growth rates, but also in the increasingly successful “South-South” cooperation, which is essential to the stability of the world economy. The spirit of Bandung, which has stood the test of time, is proving vital even today, as demonstrated by the impressive attendance of the current Jakarta meeting of Heads of State or Government of countries from both continents.